

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**December 19, 2019**

Members Present: Cynthia DeAngelis, Paul Czech, Michael Rademacher, Darcy Devney, Liza Molina, Karen Mathiasen, Paul Raia, Kerrie Fallon

Members Absent: Maureen St. Hilaire

Others Present: Jack Jones, ADA Coordinator

### **Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2019:**

Paul Raia made a motion to accept the November 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes seconded by Darcy Devney.

### **Assistive Listening Devices:**

Paul Czech said that the Assistive Listening Devices that were purchased have been helpful. Paul said that an omni directional microphone that would sit on the conference table would increase his ability to hear more clearly.

### **Marijuana Educational Event:**

Paul Czech proposed that the Commission on Disability participate as a co-sponsor in an educational program about the medical benefits of marijuana. Paul Czech said that in his opinion the Commission on Disability co-sponsoring this event would be a good fit for the Commission. Paul said that the event would correct a lot of mis information about marijuana use. Paul Czech said that Jordan Tishler and expert on marijuana who would be representing a non-profit organization would give the presentation. Michael Rademacher said that the Commission's involvement might be a conflict of interest if the local dispensary co-sponsoring the event. Michael said that the Commission should check first with Town Council. Cynthia DeAngelis said that she feels that participating in this event is beyond the scope of the Commission. Michael Rademacher said that the Town has approved three site locations for marijuana dispensaries. Liza Molina said that if the Commission puts its name on the event that the Commission is then endorsing the event. The Commission agreed that that they were not comfortable without more time to consider co-sponsoring this event to vote in favor co-sponsorship.

### **Commission Retreat:**

Kerrie Fallon requested that Commission Members get back to her with information as to what they might like to discuss at the retreat.

### **Adjourned:**

The business meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

### **Holiday Celebration:**

A holiday celebration followed the adjournment of the business meeting.